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SUBJECT: ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON TURKEY

REF: (A) AMB SPIERS/LISSFELT TELCON JAN 30, (B) STATE
22913

1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED URGENT CONSIDERATIONS RAISED
BY YOU IN REFERENCED TELECON. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON
TURKEY WILL BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS (PARAGRAPH NUMBERS MATCH
THOSE CONTAINED REF B):

1.A. - DELETE FIRST TWO SENTENCES.

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1.C. - DELETE PARENTHETICAL PHRASE "48 HOURS AND IN SOME
CASES 15 DAYS."

3.A., FOURTH SUB-PARAGRAPH - CHANGE WORD "PARTICULARLY"
TO "FOR EXAMPLE", SO PHRASE WILL READ "FOR EXAMPLE THE
ARMENIANS, GREEKS AND KURDS,".

3.A., FIFTH SUB-PARAGRAPH - CHANGE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE. THE KURDS MAKE UP AN ESTIMATED SEVEN TO EIGHT PERCENT OF THE POPULATION. FEARING A RENEWAL OF KURDISH

SEPARATISM, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS PROHIBITED PUBLICATION IN, OR TEACHING OF, KURDISH SINCE 1925 WHEN A SERIES OF KURDISH REVOLTS THREATENED THE STABILITY AND UNITY OF EASTERN TURKEY. NONETHELESS, THERE ARE NO BARRIERS TO INDIVIDUAL KURDS ADVANCING TO LEADING POSITIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, MILITARY AND PROFESSIONS AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF KURDISH AREAS IS PROGRESSING WITH GOVERNMENT HELP. END QUOTE.

2. PLEASE NOTE THAT PARA 4 REMAINS UNCHANGED. VIRTUALLY SAME TEXT IS CONTAINED IN SIMILAR REPORT ON CYPRUS (STATE 22927 WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATED ANKARA) WHICH HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO GOC AND TO TURKISH CYPRIOTS BY EMBASSY NICOSIA. VANCE

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